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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Pierre Lelong et al.

Serial No.: 09/761,254

Filed: January 16, 2001

For: PROCESSING METHOD AND  
SYSTEM FOR 3-D GEOMETRIC  
MODELING OF THE SPINE§  
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Confirmation No. 5188

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Examiner: Martin E. Miller

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTIONMail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendment to the Abstract** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.